(घ) क्या यह सच है कि इन परियोजनाओं के निर्माण को पूरा करने के लिए अपेक्षित निधियों की कमी भी महसूस की जा रही है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इन परियोजनाओं के निर्माण को पूरा करने के लिए कुल कितनी धनराशी की आवश्यकता है और उनके निर्माण पर पहले ही कितनी धनराशी खर्च की जा चुकी है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में तथा जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. के. थुंगन) ;

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) 158 वृहद, 226 मझौली और 95 विस्तार/नवीकरण/आधुनिकीकरण योजनाएं आठवीं योजना में आगे लाई गई हैं । 9/94 तक उपर्युक्त में से, 7 वृहद, 6 मध्यम तथा 2 विस्तार/नवीकरण/आधुनिकीकरण योजनाएं पूरी हो गई हैं । इनकी कुल चरम क्षमता 24.812 मिलियन हेक्टेयर है ।

(घ) सिंचाई परियोजनाओं को पूरा करने में विलंब के कारणों में से एक कारण निधियों की कमी है ।

(ङ) आठवीं योजना के शुरू में निर्माणाधीन वृहद, मझौली और विस्तार/नवीकरण/आधुनिकीकरण योजनाओं की कुल अनुमानित लागत 65,576 करोड़ रुपये हैं तथा 3/92 तक 25.503 करोड़ रुपये की राशि खर्च की गई है । वर्ष 1992—94 के दौरान इन योजनाओं पर अतिरिक्त प्रत्याशि व्यय 5,631 करोड़ रुपये है ।

Foreign Aid and Loan for Flood control Projects

1662. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of foreign aid and loan received for Flood Control Projects during the year, 1992-93, 1993-94 and upto June 1994-95; and

(b) the amount allocated to various projects, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) :

(a) During 1992-93, 1993-94 and upto June, 1994-95 no foreign aid and loans were received for flood control projects.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in Irrigation Charges

1663. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a report to increase the irrigation charges to cover the higher cost of operation and maintenance;

(b) if so, what are the criterion used to ascertain these charges ;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of irrigation schemes are incurring heavy losses due to substandard maintenance; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that operation and maintenance departments are involved in large scale corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) :

(a) The Committee on Pricing of Irrigation Water set up by the Planning Commission in October '91 submitted its report in September '92. The Irrigation being a State subject, the copies of the report have been circulated to all the States/Union Territories.

(b) The Committee recommended water charges to be treated as User's charge with an eventual objective to recover full cost i.e. operation and maintenance costs, interest and depreciation in phases. The Committee also recommended that in the first phase, water charges should cover atleast operation and maintenance costs and one per cent interest on capital employed.

(c) It is reported that in some projects the anticipated irrigation potential is not being achieved due to inadequate maintenance.

(d) Irrigation being a State subject, operation and maintenance of the irrigation projects is the responsibility of State Governments.

Prematric Scholarship to Students

1664. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount earmarked for the prematric scholarships to be paid to the students whose parents are engaged in the unclean occupations during 1994-95; and

(b) the provision made for students belonging to SC and ST in the same year?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) An Amount of Rs. 10 crores has been provided for the year 1994-95 for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-matric Scholarship for the children of those engaged in unclean occupations.

(b) The Scheme is occupation based and the scholarships under the scheme are admissible to the children whose parents irrespective of their religion or caste are engaged in scavenging of dry latrines and other unclean occupations i. e. tanning and flaying. Most of the beneficiaries belong to SC & ST No separate or exclusive provision for students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is made under the Scheme.

Schemes for Mentally retarded, Handicapped Children in Gujarat and Maharashtra

1665. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the different schemes for the welfare of mentally retarded, handicapped, blind and destitute children of Gujarat and Maharashtra;

(b) what is the number of Centres working in those States and what are the names of the places where each of them is functioning ;

(c) what are the names of the places where such new centres are proposed to be set up in these States during the year 1994-95; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (d) The schemes in operation are as follows :-

(1) Assistance to organisations for the disabled;

(2) Assistance to Organisations for Manpower Development in Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation;

(3) Assistance to disabled persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids & Appliances;

(4) Assistance to organisations for Establishment of Special Schools;

(5) Assistance to Organisations for Rehabilatation of Leprosy Cured Persons;

(6) Welfare of Street Children.

(7) Prevention and Control of Juvenile Social Mal-adjustment.

Under the schemes 1 to 6 mentioned above, the Centres are not opened directly by the Ministry. The assistance is given to the voluntary organisations after scrutiny of the proposals as and when received. The list of voluntary organisations through which schemes are being implemented in the two States in question is annexed as Statement (*see* below). Under the Scheme of Prevention and Control of Juvenile Social Maladjustment, establishment of such centres is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Ministry has not received any proposals for establishment of such centres from the State Governments during 1994-95.